

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF  
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): July 2, 2019

**HANMI FINANCIAL CORPORATION**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

000-30421  
(Commission File No.)

95-4788120  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

3660 Wilshire Boulevard, PH-a, Los Angeles, California  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

90010  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (213) 382-2200

Not Applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

<u>Title of each class</u>	<u>Trading Symbol(s)</u>	<u>Name of each exchange on which registered</u>
Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	HAFC	Nasdaq Global Select Market

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

**Item 4.01**      **Change in Registrant's Certifying Accountant.**

On July 2, 2019, the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors of Hanmi Financial Corporation (the "Company") engaged Crowe LLP ("Crowe") as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending December 31, 2019.

During the two most recent fiscal years ended December 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017 and during the subsequent interim period from January 1, 2019 through July 2, 2019, the Company consulted with Crowe on the following services, all of which were all delivered in 2018:

- Consulting services related to compliance with the Company's loss share agreement for the years ending December 31, 2017 and 2016;
- Consulting services that included reading memoranda prepared by management and conversations related to business combinations, earnings per share, segment reporting, and goodwill impairment analysis.
- Property tax return preparation and property tax audit service for municipal property tax filings for 2014 through 2017.

Other than the matters described above, neither the Company nor anyone acting on its behalf consulted with Crowe on (i) any matters regarding the application of accounting principles to a specified transaction, either completed or proposed, or the type of audit opinion that might be rendered with respect to the Company's consolidated financial statements, and no written report or oral advice was provided to the Company that Crowe concluded was an important factor considered by the Company in reaching a decision as to any accounting, auditing or financial reporting issue, or (ii) any matter that was the subject of any disagreement (as described in Item 304(a)(1)(iv) of Regulation S-K and the related instructions thereto) or a reportable event (as defined in Item 304(a)(1)(v) of Regulation S-K).

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**HANMI FINANCIAL CORPORATION**

DATE: July 2, 2019

By: /s/ Romolo C. Santarosa  
Romolo C. Santarosa  
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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